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MESSAGE FROM THE SPA PRESIDENT

Fred Barovick

The officers and members of the Society of Philatelic Americans are very fortunate indeed to have the opportunity to hold our convention in a foreign country. This has come about through the kind invitation of SPA Chapter No. 243, the Union Philatelique de Montreal, of Montreal, Canada.

At this time of international strife it is heartwarming to know that through philately the SPA is able to bring peoples of the world closer together. This 64th Annual Convention in Montreal will give all philatelists, not just SPA members, an opportunity to meet our friendly northern neighbors. The exhibition, the banquet, the many tours and the other social events will give us visitors an excellent chance to mingle with our hosts and really get a taste of their well known hospitality.

We of the Society of Philatelic Americans as well as the Union Philatelique de Montreal invite all collectors to attend EXUP VIII and the 64th Annual Convention of the SPA in Montreal, Canada, September 18-21, 1958.

Butterfield Cachet In Apache Territory

Postal history will be reenacted September 16 through October 10 with a rerunning of the Butterfield Overland mail of a century ago. Leaving Tipton, Mo. September 16, it will retrace the old stage route to San Francisco as closely as modern day highway connections permit. The route cuts seven states—Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.

Arizona is the state with the most hectic history surrounding the Butterfield stages, for it was in southern Arizona that hostile Indians plagued the stage drivers and their passengers — and the U. S. mail. It was at a time when Cochise, colorful leader of the Apache tribe, had gone on the warpath in protest of the killing of some of his tribesmen by army soldiers through a territorial misunderstanding.

The rerun of the Butterfield Mail calls for four major stops in the erstwhile land of the Apaches. They are scheduled for Tucson, Casa Grande, Gila Bend, and Yuma, between October 2 and 5. The Phoenix Philatelic Assn. is issuing a set of four cachet covers — in four different colors — which will bear the postmarkings of these scheduled mail stops in Arizona.

The design will feature an original Butterfield mail stage coach and an outline map of Arizona showing all of the original stops made during the mail run 100 years ago. The set of four is 60c, franked with appropriate c o m m e n s. Orders should be sent at once to Robert Corless, 1826 W. Indianola Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. Profit from the cachet sale will be used to defray expenses of the free Phoenix public stamp exhibition.

Warren, Ohio Dealer Dies In Gun Mystery

A missing gun, untouched \$5100 in cash, burned records, and a securely locked house have compounded the death by shooting of Eugene M. Halterman, Warren, Ohio stamp figure, into a mystery which has the police officials badly perplexed. Halterman, age 60, formerly operated hobby shops in Cleveland and Warren, and advertised both under his own name and as "Gene's" at various times in the past. He was semiretired and worked as driver of a school bus, living alone in a large house.

When not seen for several days, a relative entered the place and found him dead with a bullet wound in the head. An open Bible, a stamp catalog and various papers were nearby. The premises were in order, with no indications of a struggle having taken place.

Halterman is survived by his half-sister, Mrs. Martha Chaney, who discovered the tragedy.

Juhasz To Show Scouts Stamps At Jersey Club

"Scouting and Philately" will be the subject of the demonstration and lecture of John J. Juhasz of Milltown, N. J. at the next meeting of the Central Jersey Cover Club in the New Brunswick, N. J. YMCA 8 p. m. September 16.

Mr. Juhasz has been active in Scouting for more than 20 years, and long active in Scouting on Stamps philately. His showing will embrace covers, stamps and related material of the past quarter of a century from over 30 countries. The public is invited to see and hear him.

NEW ISSUES

BULGARIA Chess, Globe	(2)	3.20
CANAL ZONE Air	(5)	1.40
CUBA Insects, Air, Post	(4)	.90
GERMANY W. Catholic Day	(2)	.12
GERMANY E. Workers Combination
GREENLAND 5K. Ship	(1)	1.15
HAITI Sport	(3)	.13
HAITI Air	(4)	2.40
INDONESIA Thomas Cup	(3)	.12
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PARAGUAY re-election	(8)	.30
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France, Germany In Europa Parade

September 13 will find France, West Germany and the Saar releasing their respective 1958 "Europa" emissions. This year all nations participating in the "Europa" program will follow a single design, by Netherlands artist Andre van der Vossen. It shows the script letter "E" surmounted by a stylized pigeon representing mail communications.



The German offering is a pair, 10 pfennigs green and blue and 40pf. blue and red. Printing is by the Federal Printing Office, Berlin, with the editions "dependent on the demand" to quote the official announcement. The corresponding stamps, with the added caption "SAAR" and values of 12 and 50 francs, will be issued in the Saar.



France will follow through on the agreed "Europa" philatelic program with a 20fr. and 35fr. pair on the same day, according to Gimbel's Stamp & Coin Dept., New York. The design corresponds with the Luxembourg, Netherlands and German emissions, with the designer's name added vertically in the upper left, and that of engraver Pierre Gandon in the upper right background areas.

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10P (5)

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sued by New York philatelist Herbert Rosen who is best known for
his Postal History material. During the first day ceremonies in New
York for the recent Atlantic Cable stamp, he displayed his "radio
and telegraphy on stamps" collection. The above photograph, posed
before a model of the cable laying ship of a century ago, shows, left
to right, Mr. Rosen, Acting New York Postmaster Robert K. Christen-
berry, curator Wellington E. Greyble of the Seamen's Institute, and
veteran public relations counsel Edward L. Wertheim.

News Round-Up From Washington

The 4c Lincoln-Douglas De-
bates commem of August 27 was
based on a design by Ervina
Metz with modeling by William
K. Schrage of the Bureau of En-
graving and Printing. It repro-
duces only a portion of an old
print by Joseph Boggs Beale.

Matthew D. Fenton engraved
the vignette and Reuben K. Bar-
rick the frame, lettering and
numeral. Plates 26105-06-07-08
were assigned to this stamp.

A total of 1,134,121 stamps was
sold, and 708,777 covers canceled,
when the 4c and 8c Simon Bolivar
set was issued in Washington
July 24. No figures are given in
the POD report for the values in-
dividually.

The 7c airmail stamp released
in Philadelphia July 31 enjoyed
first day sales of 862,478 stamps
(\$60,373.46) with 204,401 FDC's.
The 7c airmail coil reached 181,
603 covers canceled and 258,498
stamps sold (\$18,094.86) on the
same day in Miami, Fla.

Back toward the East, in
Wheeling, W. Va., the 4c Lincoln
booklet registered a total of 703,
954 stamps (as singles, \$28,158.16)
and 135,825 FDC's. This also was
on July 31.

Commenting on the July 31 FD
of six new adhesives and four
new postal stationery items, plus
one more the next day, Postmas-
ter General Arthur E. Summer-
field stated that a new FD record
is imminent. With only three of
the eleven items reported thus
far, the FDC total is already 521,
829. All the stationery, and the
4c coil, 5c airmail adhesive and
7c airmail booklet are yet to be
heard from.

A special postal station, with
cancellation and a stock of Phil-
atelic Agency stamps, has been
approved by the POD for the
Northeastern Pennsylvania Phil-
atelic Society exhibition, Scrant-
on, Pa. September 27-28.

Another branch station of the
same type will be operated Au-
gust 30-September 1 at the "BA-
PEX" convention and exhibition
at Bakersfield, Calif. Collectors
desiring specimens of either can-
cel may send stamped, addressed
envelopes with requests to the
postmasters concerned.

Cachet For Stamps At Shreveport Fair

The Shreveport, La. Stamp
Club will hold its first annual ex-
hibition October 18-26 as a fea-
ture of the Louisiana State Fair.
It will operate in connection with
the opening of the new postal
station to be located on the fair
grounds.

The Post Office Department
will supply a philatelic exhibit
and will furnish a special state
fair cancellation device for mail
posted at the site.

The stamp club is offering a
special cacheted envelope, posted
with commemorative franking, at
10c each. The design shows the
entrance to the fair grounds, with
an insert map of Louisiana on
which a star indicates Shreve-
port.

Covers will be canceled on any
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Czech Tribute To Stamp Designer

August 20 was the release date
for two commemorative issues by
Czechoslovakia. One marked the
85th birth anniversary of Profes-
sor Max Svabinsky, outstanding
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who has designed many of that
nation's stamps. The other is a
set of four in tribute to a quartet
of "Cultural Personalities".



Prof. Svabinsky's anniversary
occurs on September 17. He pre-
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The Question Box

Our paper does not contain a regular column with a heading similar to the above but there is not a week passes by but we have one or several inquiries from some reader with questions of some sort. Most of these we answer by personal correspondence. We believe the office in Sidney also has a number of such questions and we frequently find answers to such in the column by Mr. Rueth.



GEORGE W. LINN

Now and then we do answer questions in this column and a letter from Mr. J. A. Sloan of Pittsburgh, Pa. leads us to answer his questions in this issue.

Before doing so however we want again to call attention of all collectors to the first 24 pages in the Scott Specialized Catalogue. There is a tremendous amount of information for the amateur and the specialist collector on these pages. In fact if written up in a very thorough manner this information could almost fill a good sized book. If you have never read these pages and we feel that there are perhaps a lot of collectors who have not done so, we would recommend that you make an attempt to study and understand them. They provide more information of interest and value to the average collector than any handbook or any book on stamps and stamp collecting that has ever been published.

However to get to Mr. Sloan's questions. We do find that the first question he asks is one that for some reason Scott Publications has failed to include in the front of their Specialized catalog. Right here we might also say that the regular catalog, both volumes, has a few pages in the front that are worth studying for the information they give.

Now for the first question. (1) "What is the exact difference between an unused and a mint stamp?" That is something that is very easy to answer but can be elaborated on easily. An unused stamp is one that has never been postally canceled. However a stamp can be made void for postal use by other means such as marking it with an inked pen or a pencil, or getting it so badly soiled that the postal clerk might refuse to acknowledge it as fit for paying postage. Such stamps also not postally canceled come in the class of used stamps as they are no longer acceptable for postage payment.

A mint stamp is one in the exact and same condition in which it was issued by the Post Office Department. Here one has to use a lot of imagination and even be cautious as he can buy a stamp that might be described as mint, yet which if he saw it before buying he would not accept it for his collection. Naturally we envision a mint stamp as one with full original gum, without a tear or damage of any kind and with perforations as they should be to make the stamp perfect. Mint stamps from coils are imperforate on two opposite sides. Mint stamps that come from stamp booklets are imperforate at one side and at one side and at bottom. In the old Flat Plate printings a mint stamp could have one or two straight edges. Thus you should understand that the word mint can cover a multitude of sins. All of the Farley material was without gum, yet it was all mint. Thus a mint stamp is one that is the same condition as it was when it was shipped out of Washington to a Post Office and offered for sale for use to the public. It does not necessarily mean anything definite as to its condition for it may be so badly centered that no one would want it. A question like this can not be answered in a few words as you should readily understand.

(2) "What are tete-beche pairs?" This is a very easy question to answer. Scott says, "A French term referring to stamps printed upside down to each other." Common examples are German stamps of the inflation period, the Hindenberg issue, also Switzerland stamps 1908 to 1914, and others. When the next question is answered we will find there is need for another term that as far as we know has not yet been coined. Maybe the French have a word for it, but if so we have as yet failed to see it.

(3) "What are se-tenant pairs?" This means a pair in which two stamps (or designs) are different from one another. A fine example is our own 5c red error in which a 5c die was used in a plate of 2c stamps, making a pair in which a 2c and a 5c stamp can be found. There are many examples of se-tenant pairs in foreign issues. Perhaps one of the most remarkable is that set of stamps from Chile in which the sheets of 100 stamps could be cut into panes of 25 each and every stamp in the pane of 25 was different from every other stamp in the same pane. These were of the 1948 issue, Scott numbers 254-255. Other common examples are in the German and Swiss issues previously referred to.

Now we come to the new variety which I mentioned above and for which I have been unable to find a name. I refer to a tete-beche pair which is also se-tenant. That means two different stamps in a pair but one stamp is upside down to the other. We could of course call this a tete-beche-se-tenant pair but I think a new name would be more appropriate.

Communism And Stamp Collecting

Next week I am going to make some remarks on this subject. Anything I say will be only a small matter with reference to the enormous extent to which these two subjects might be combined. I am almost certain that a mere scraping of the surface will represent only a very small part of a subject of this nature and that a thorough examination into the subject might even surprise government officials.

Match Fiscals In American Philatelist

Identification of the five-cent 1875 reissue of the 1861-66 series of U. S. stamps is the subject of an article in the June issue of the "American Philatelist", journal of the American Philatelic Society.

Another article gives the history of the Excelsior Match Co., one of many firms which issued match revenue stamps in the late 19th century. It is written by Henry W. Holcombe of New York, an authority on match and medicine stamps.

In pricing stamps for society sales circuits, Charles C. Cratsen-

berg of Moline, Ill., president of the APS, gives this advice: "Sit back and ask yourself a simple question—'Would I pay the price that I am asking for this stamp?' Overpriced, damaged and very poor copies will not sell," he declared.

The APS is in the midst of a changeover in its sales department, moving it from Dallas, Texas to State College, Pa., where it will be supervised by executive secretary H. Clay Musser, effective October 1.

The sales department is one of numerous services offered by the APS. Membership details may be obtained from Mr. Musser, Box 800, State College, Pa.

SMILEATELICS... by Bob Rieker



Kuhran New President Atlantic City Stampers

The Atlantic City, N. J. Stamp Collectors Club recently elected Gus Kuhran president for 1958. With him on the new slate of officers are George Edwards, vice president; Steve Swanson, treasurer; and Mrs. Mary Gormly, secretary.

The group meets on first and third Tuesdays at the Jefferson Hotel, Atlantic City. Collectors interested in obtaining further details of its activities may visit any meeting, or write Mr. Kuhran at 105 Northfield Ave., Northfield, N. J.

1958 STAMP PROGRAM
Sept. 19 — Lajos Kossuth "Champions of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington 13, D.C. (4c, 70 per pane, 120 million; 8c, 72 per pane, 40 million).
Sept. 22 — Journalism 4c, Columbia, Mo. (50 per pane).
Oct. 10 — Overland Mail 4c, San Francisco 1, Calif. (50 per pane, 120 million).
Oct. 16 — Noah Webster 4c, West Hartford, Conn.
Oct. 27 — Forest Conservation 4c, Tucson, Ariz.
Nov. 25 — 200th Anniversary of Pittsburgh 4c, Pittsburgh 19, Pa.
Dec. 12 — John Jay 15c regular, Washington 13, D. C.
Details as to denomination, color and stamps will be announced when available.

ALREADY ISSUED
1100 — Gardening 3c, Ithaca, N. Y., March 15.
1101 — Liberty 3c "Glori", Cleveland, Ohio, March 22.
1104 — Brussels Exhibition 3c, Detroit, Mich., April 17.
1105 — Revere 25c regular, Boston, Mass., April 18.
1105 — Monroe 3c, Montross, Va., April 28.
1106 — Minnesota Statehood 3c, St. Paul, Minn., May 11.
1107 — IGY 3c, Chicago, Ill., May 31.
1108 — Gunston Hall 3c, Lorton, Va., June 12.
1109 — Mackinac Bridge 3c, Mackinac City and St. Ignace, Mich. June 25.
1110-11 — Simon Bolivar "Champions of Liberty", 4c and 8c, Washington, D.C. July 24.
1112 — Lincoln 4c coil, Mandan, N. D., July 31.
1035a — Lincoln 4c booklet, Wheeling, W. Va., July 31.
C50 — Airmail 5c, Colorado Springs, Colo., July 31.
C51 — Airmail 7c, Philadelphia, Pa., July 31.
C51a — Airmail 7c booklet, San Antonio, Texas, July 31.
C52 — Airmail 7c coil, Miami, Fla., July 31.
U536 — Franklin 4c envelope, Montpelier, Vt., July 31.
UC26 — Airmail 7c envelope, Dayton, Ohio, July 31.
— Liberty 3c reply card, Boise, Idaho, July 31.
— Airmail 5c postal card, Wichita, Kans., July 31.
— Liberty 3c postal card, Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 1.
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1113 — Lincoln-Douglas Debates 4c, Freeport, Ill., August 27.
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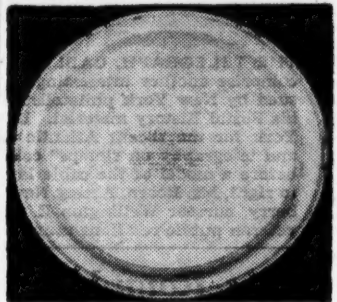
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Goldsticker Retained As President Of MACC

Recent election returns of the Metropolitan Air-Mail Cover Club, New York City, show that Samuel S. Goldsticker has been retained as president for a repeat term. Louis Fischbach and Robert E. Haring are vice presidents; Harold J. Frankel, treasurer; Harry Levine, recording secretary; and Gus F. Lancaster, corresponding secretary.

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CARL P. RUETH

Some days before the change in the first class letter rate from 3c to 4c, the stock of 3c stamped envelopes ran out at the United Nations post office. They only needed enough to carry them to August 1 when the new rate became effective. An order was placed for 25,000 and delivered.

But now, we have something of keen philatelic interest, at least to UN collectors.

The "last gasp batch" is smaller in over all dimensions than the original envelope!

The one issued September 15, 1953 measured 3 3/4" x 6 3/4" (more like 6-13/16"). Those of the fill in lot are 6 1/2" x 3 3/4". It is not difficult to make a distinction — use a scale or lay one on top of the other. The difference in size is unmistakable.

Egges Das of Haworth, N. J. brought this to my attention in a most desirable manner. He sent along samples!

1. When was Abraham Lincoln first shown in a stamp design?
2. When was Andrew Jackson first shown in a stamp design?

A subject which has been covered several times here, but which is of recurring interest is the matter of cacheted or uncacheted covers, mostly first day. Which is the most desirable?

Without doubt, from a monetary angle, the cacheted ones are better. Considering the aesthetic, the cacheted are more pleasing to the eye. From the purely philatelic aspect, that is, evidence of the stamp being postmarked on the correct date in the official city, both are of equal importance. Of course, the uncacheted will be cheaper since most any reasonably good quality envelope will do and such do not cost nearly as much as the cacheted.

I'd like to pause right here and encourage you to always use good quality envelopes for your covers. The cheap ones in time turn yellow and deteriorate otherwise and no one wants them.

It is generally known that cacheted covers will be more desirable than ones which are not. A collection of the former will more apt be purchased by a dealer or collector. But here again is another consideration. With a few exceptions even the prettiest of printed cachet covers can be liquidated for no more than the face value of the postage which they bear, usually around from 2c to 4c each.

Thus, FDC's which might have cost you 15c to 25c each, will not be worth more than 2c to 4c when you want to sell the collection. However, this is more desirable than a collection of uncacheted covers which hardly any one wants at any price.

You have to have the right attitude concerning first day covers. They absolutely can't be considered as an investment which will yield financial gain. Therefore, they should be collected for the pleasure one gets — such as a dish of ice cream, or an admission to a movie.

I like FDC's and other covers, and have a fairly decent collection. But I never expect it to amount to a hill of beans financially.

You will note in this edition we have some material devoted to the coming convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans, and exhibition, at Montreal, Canada. This takes place September 18 to 21 at the Windsor Hotel.

While it does not seem possible at this time that yours truly will be there, I would like to recommend Montreal, Quebec and the Province of Quebec for your vacation — the City of Quebec especially. Our family had our last Canadian vacation two years ago at which time we en-

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The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:—
September 29 — American Topical Assn.
Oct. 27 — International Society for Japanese Philately.
Nov. 24 — ATA Fine Arts Unit.
Dec. 29 — American Air Mail Society.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.
Clubs or societies agreeable to sponsoring a special edition can get the details on request.

tered the country at Niagara Falls and then went on to Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec. This is one of our most memorable trips.

If at all possible, go by car — there are so many things to be enjoyed that way. Don't worry about not speaking French, the dominant language of Quebec Province. You'll find enough people in the stores, restaurants and hotels who speak sufficient English to make you welcome and comfortable.

You do not need to be a member of the SPA to attend this event. Just in case you might want to know more about the society, drop me a line. I've been a member for quite some time and have informative literature.

We now enter the season of good intentions. Many clubs are planning exhibitions this fall and winter and they expect the full cooperation of the members with the entry of displays from their collections. The members, of course, are determined that this year they will work up their material to fill one or more frames. But alas, most fall by the wayside and never make the show.

Won't you get on with the preparation of your exhibit now — weeks before the actual date? Be kind to the exhibition chairman by coming through for once. Plan now, and execute the plan by getting to work on it.

If these few lines bring one less ulcer and headache to the people in charge of shows, they have served their purpose.

Some of you have asked where you can obtain some of the stamped envelopes which have been revalued by the Post Office Department to the higher rates. The Department prepared two designs which were used to raise the value of some existing stationery by 1c or 2c.

The two were shown on page 9 of our July 28 paper. Included was information relative to their use. As far as we know, this data is still the last word. The surcharging was to be done on envelopes only, the regular and airmail, and not on the postal cards. It seems to be the policy with the latter to not revise their value, to destroy them instead.

Imprinting of the surcharge was performed at the various Regional Distributing Offices. Postmasters were instructed to send only unbroken original factory cartons totaling 5000 or more to the Revaluation Unit of the above-named office.

Unless a change has been made these envelopes will not be available through the philatelic agency. You will have to depend on your local post office to have them for you. I know some readers in the larger cities will offer to get them for collectors in other

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cities, but it will just not be possible to print their names and addresses.

This past week I was called in by the administrator of an estate to examine the philatelic possessions of a deceased collector. This otherwise tedious job could have been time consuming and nasty except for the fact that the man kept his collection and duplicate material methodically arranged and available for easy inspection.

No wading through boxes of covers indiscriminately gathered and housed from all over. Stamps in the albums and the duplicates were kept in an orderly and easily examined manner. Even an inexperienced person could tell what part of the holdings was more valuable than others because these things had been indicated by small slips of paper inserted at strategic spots in the albums and storage receptacles.

Under such conditions an appraiser can do a fairly good job of setting a value. However, when it is lumped without system or reason, all the appraiser can do is to give a good guess and that of a conservative nature.

A dealer or collector would be interested in looking over for possible purchase the orderly material, and at the same time being thus able to investigate everything thoroughly to make a bid. With the hodge-podge the bid would have to be cautious to keep from getting taken.

One other thing impressed me favorably. There were no "seconds" in the collection — missing perf stamps, torn corners, folded, heavily cancelled or shoddy looking. A few of these can dull the appetite of any purchaser no matter how good the other stuff is.

You might take these things into consideration in handling your own collections. Further, you might arrange ahead of time for someone whom you trust in all respects to assist your heirs in the disposal.

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Stamps Of The Vatican Offer Beauty And History

Jacques Des Forges

Because I collect the stamps of the Vatican someone asked me one day, "Why do you collect Vatican stamps? Where is Vatican City located and, really, what is it?"

"My reply was that the Vatican City is a very small city of 108.7 acres or about 1/6 of a square mile, located in the western part of Italy right outside the western limits of the city of Rome."

The government of the State of Vatican City became a member of the Universal Postal Union on June 1, 1929 and the first Vatican City Stamps were issued on August 1 of that year, that is to say, two months later. The State is that in name only.

Although the city of Rome was captured by Italian troops in the month of September 1870, those same troops never entered that part which is Vatican City today. On the contrary, instead of entering Vatican City, they stopped at the bridge of the chateau of St. Angelo.

After the votes had been taken at the subsequent peace conference and the decisions made concerning that piece of ground, and just what boundaries the Vatican City would have, it was decided that it would go to the Kingdom of Italy. Then Pope Pius IX declared that he was a voluntary prisoner and shut himself up in his papal palace.

A postal system continued to function but without postage stamps. Mail for places abroad was delivered by private courier and that arriving from abroad was delivered by two Italian letter carriers approved by the Vatican. They were in the service of the Vatican but did not wear the regular postal uniform.

Finally, on February 11, 1929 after almost 60 years of that very strange situation, a concordat or agreement was signed by the Papal Authority and by the Fascist Government of Mussolini. Vatican City boundaries were recognized as those of an independent state and the Catholic faith was given a preferred status in Italy.

In July 1929 that concordat was supplanted by a postal agreement which was followed three days later by the first issue of stamps of Vatican. Due to the circumstances surrounding the issue which portrayed the Papal Arms of His Holiness Pius XI, this issue of stamps is often alluded to as the Issue of Conciliation.

Now why do I collect stamps of the Vatican? In the first place — and a factor that is very important and extremely interesting for a philatelist — is the ease with which one can obtain these stamps either mint or used. They date from 1929 only, if one does not take into consideration the stamps of the Roman States which were issued 1852-1868.

Even so, the stamps of the Roman States for the greater part are not extremely rare. On the other hand it is very difficult to obtain them and it is necessary to be extremely careful in buying them because many have been so well forged that it is very difficult to recognize them from the originals.

For those who can obtain them it is so much the better, but as far as I am concerned I shall simply collect Vatican City. The stamps are always reasonably priced at the present time, with the exception of a 1934 set with an overprint which is a little expensive.

In the second place, I collect Vatican City stamps because every one contains many details which are historical as well as religious.

Beginning with the issue of 1929, you will find in the Vatican emissions many happenings relating to Pope Pius XI. Look at them and check for yourselves. Open your catalogs and take note of the issues from 1929 to 1939 and what they portray.

In resume, they are: The Lateran and the Obelisk of Thotmes III, the Papal Arms of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, His Holiness appears on two stamps, Vatican Gardens, Basilica of St. Peter, and Tribonian. Also Jurisconsult presenting the Pandects, collections of decisions of old Roman Jurisconsults made by the Emperor Justinian and presenting them to Justinian I, Pope Gregory IX promulgating decretals.

Another set depicts doves and a bell, an allegory of the Church and the Bible, St. John de Bosco and St. Francis de Sales. Later in 1938 two other sets appeared: that of the Crypt of Sainte Cecelia and that of the Basilica of Sainte Petronilla.

Had I been given a great deal more space to write, there still would not have been sufficient room in this whole issue of Linn's to describe all the marvelous stories inspired by these stamps.

For example in 1939 we have the coronation of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI. What a beautiful event to describe! And that has happened right along one issue after the other up to the present time. Note the beauty of those stamps. That, in itself, is another reason why I collect the Vatican.

And now we have a summary of the first issues of the Vatican City. Is it not interesting to collect that

City's beautiful stamps which tell such a wonderful story? It must never be forgotten that every stamp issued tells its own story. That is the chief reason for being a collector of stamps to know at the same time how to collect them and how to understand them and their messages.

In the Vatican are all kinds of interesting subjects from the philatelic point of view. There are the regular stamps, commemoratives, charity stamps, airmails, special deliveries, postage dues, and parcel post emissions. As in all countries the stamps sometimes have errors and varieties. Then there are first day covers, post cards, aerograms, and proofs.

The Vatican has all of these philatelic classifications in its stamps. These, added to a vast amount of unusual interest, are the important reasons why each of us should consider collecting issues of the Vatican.

Now to those who are already collectors of Vatican City and wish to perfect their collections to an even greater extent, I highly recommend joining the Union Philatelique de Montreal. For, while there are catalogs which specialize in the Roman States and in Vatican City, there is a great advantage in affiliating oneself with a society which collects only the stamps issued by the Vatican and fosters a cooperative, spe-



THE MATTER OF RESEARCH AND COOPERATION is part of the secret of success behind the beautiful and appropriate designs of the Artcraft first day cover series of The Washington Press, Newark, N. J. Above are shown Clint Davis, Director, Division of Information and Education, Forest Service; Kenneth Pomeroy, forester for The American Forestry Assn.; and William Huber, director of the Smokey Bear Program. They are checking the artwork for the official FDC's being prepared for the October 27 Forest Conservation stamp to be released at Tucson, Ariz. on Theodore Roosevelt's 100th birthday anniversary.

cialized study of them and the many fields relating to them.

One does not have to be a resident of Montreal to participate in the Union Philatelique's work and to profit from it. Indeed, one who lives within traveling distance does not have to be a member of either the Union or of the Society of Philatelic Americans to visit and enjoy the great exhibition to be held in Montreal's Hotel Windsor September 18-21!

On this occasion the Union Philatelique de Montreal is conducting its eighth annual exhibition, "EXUP VIII" and at the same time is acting as host to the annual convention

of the U. S. group, the SPA.

The exhibition, accordingly, will feature the best collections available from both philatelic organizations.

Vatican material will be particularly prominent, and collectors in the field who are able to visit Montreal during these few days will be most fortunate indeed. The SPA, the UPM, and all of Montreal's fine people offer the best of hospitality to them.

(Editor's note: The writer, Mr. Des Forges, is program committee chairman of EXUP VIII. His original script in French was translated by Agnes Burlingame of the SPA translation service).

Prospects Invited By Ship Cancel Club

The Universal Ship Cancellation Society is offering membership to persons interested in collecting Naval postmarks. This group specializes in covers mailed aboard ships of the United States Navy.

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The U.S.C.S. LOG is the official publication of the group. Sample copies and information about joining can be obtained from editor Alfred H. Dowle, 828 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, Ill. by sending return postage along with the request for details.

Jack Bettencourt New Head, San Lorenzo Club

The San Lorenzo Valley Club, composed of collectors in Santa Cruz County, Calif., has just completed its first year of existence with a successful exhibition and an election. Officers for the new year are Jack E. Bettencourt, president; Fred E. Starr, vice president; Robert Burns, treasurer; and Frances M. Reed, secretary.

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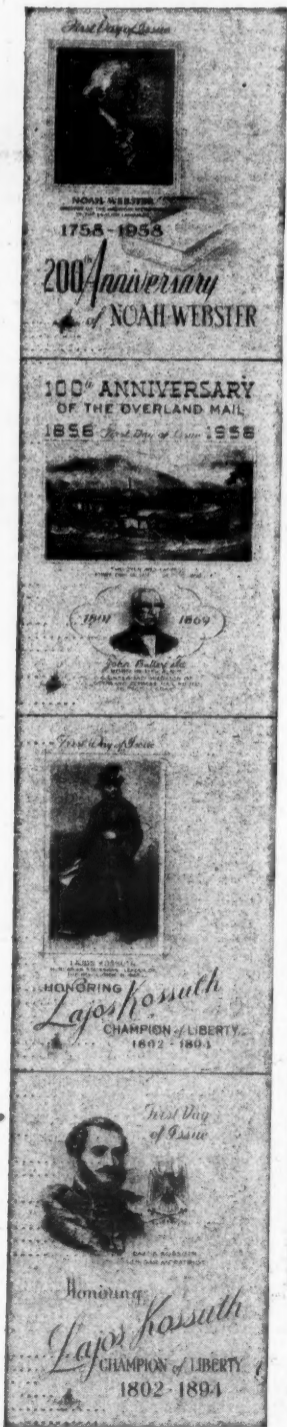
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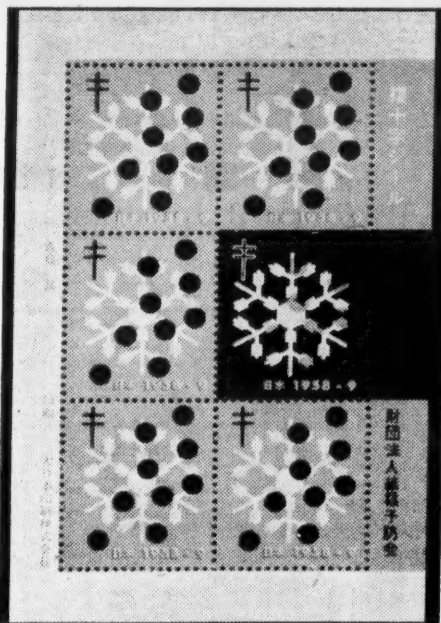
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS "EXUP VIII" SPA CONVENTION

Wednesday, September 17

10:00 A.M.—SPA Executive Board Meeting.

Thursday, September 18

9:00 A.M.—Registration of SPA, UPM members and visitors, Windsor Hotel (all day and evening), Rose Room.
10:30 A.M.—First SPA Business Meeting, Salon Stanley.
7:00 P.M.—Reception for guests of honor, Salon G.
8:00 P.M.—Official Opening Ceremonies. Exhibition, Bourse and Post Office open.
11:00 P.M.—Exhibition and Bourse close.

Friday, September 19

9:00 A.M.—Registration of members and visitors, Rose Room, Exhibition Hall.
10:00 A.M.—Exhibition, Bourse and Post Office open.
10:30 A.M.—Sight seeing tours (Montreal City), \$2.
2:00 P.M.—Cinerama (\$1.50) or shopping.
6:30 P.M.—Evening dinner drive, dance, music, etc., \$2.50.
8:00 P.M.—Second SPA Business Meeting, Salon Stanley.
10:00 P.M.—Folies Bergeres, Casino Bellevue, \$1.
11:00 P.M.—Exhibition and Bourse close.

Saturday, September 20

9:00 A.M.—Registration of members and visitors, Rose Room, Exhibition Hall.
9:30 A.M.—Third SPA Business Meeting, Salon Stanley.
10:00 A.M.—Exhibition, Bourse and Post Office open.
10:30 A.M.—Laurentian Mountain tour, \$2.50.
2:00 P.M.—Special color movies on Canadian stamps by A. G. Fairbanks, Salon Stanley; free.
3:00 P.M.—"EXUP VIII" auction of selected items, Salon Stanley; public invited.
6:30 P.M.—UPM Reception for guests of honor, Salon G.
7:30 P.M.—UPM Silver Jubilee and SPA Annual Banquet, presentation of trophies and awards, Windsor Hall. Dance music till closing.
11:00 P.M.—Exhibition and Bourse close.

Sunday, September 21

Church Directory in Hotel Lobby
10:00 A.M.—Philatelic writers' breakfast, \$1.75, Tudor Room. Public invited.
1:00 P.M.—Registration of members and visitors, Rose Room, Exhibition Hall.
2:00 P.M.—Tour St. Lawrence Seaway and Indian Reservation, \$2.
3:00 P.M.—Greater Montreal City tour, \$2.
8:00 P.M.—Dinner and show, including style show for ladies. No cover charge.
10:00 P.M.—Exhibition and Bourse close.
All tours leave from the front of the Windsor Hotel.

Gertrude Boss Is 82 Years Young

Fan mail and greetings from all parts of the United States came the way of Mrs. Gertrude Boss of Hopewell, Va. who just recently celebrated her 82nd birth anniversary. Readers of Linn's will remember many of her stories of a few years ago, especially her annual Christmas edition contributions.



An illness of several years duration had her immobilized as far as literary efforts were concerned. However, at the moment she is as active as ever with many community efforts and activities to her credit.

Presently, she appears on the Woman's Hour each Tuesday morning over Hopewell station WHAP. Most of the time she tells about stamps and stamp collecting with numerous assists and hints for the beginning stamp fan.

While not so presently engaged, Mrs. Boss was very active in her church, and a community leader involved in numerous civic affairs. She has written professionally for several publications outside the realm of philately.

She and her son have their home at 708 N. Tenth St., Hopewell, Va.

Hungary Announces New Sports Set Of 7

To commemorate the various international sports championships which have been held, and others yet to take place, in Budapest during 1958, Hungary released a set of seven sports stamps August 30. All are photogravure printed in monochrome, in an edition of 600,000 complete sets. Colors of the individual adhesives are not stated in the official POD news release.



Of similar pattern, the 20 and 60 filler and 3 Forint values are in vertical format, while the remaining four are horizontal. They show: 20f., table tennis bat and ball, and olive branch; 30f., table tennis player; 40 and 60f., action poses of Graeco-Roman wrestlers; 1ft., water polo player; 2.50ft., fancy diver; and 3ft., a male swimmer.

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KEY: * Unused; ○ Used; □ Block; OG—Original Gum; SE—Straight Edge; VG—refers to centering only. It means the perf just touch the design or cut in.

NOTE: The prices given are the approximate retail value according to the condition of the stamp. This is a good basis for determining your bids.

UNITED STATES

Lot #	Description	Retail
1	#1 margins, small thin	30.00
2	#2 space filler, nice app.	17.50
3	#3 Superb, 4 large margins	80.00
4	#4 Superb, 4 large margins	80.00
5	#5 Fine	20.00
6	#6 Faulty	2.50
7	#7 Pair - Faulty-Town cancel	8.50
8	#8 Fine app. but faulty	17.50
9	#9 Small faults	18.00
10	#10 Recut 2 at top and 3x at B. Tiny flaws	25.00
11	#11 Fine	3.00
12	#12 Violent cane, tiny flaws	4.50
13	#13 12 copies small thin "PAID"	4.50
14	#14 cancels includes some minor plate varieties, some faults.	25.00
15	#15 Superb, large marginal copy, appears unused but is cleaned	150.00
16	#16 Defective	15.00
17	#17 4 margin copy, VF app. tiny flaws	75.00
18	#18 Huge margins, repaired	30.00
19	#19 Faulty	5.00
20	#20 Fine very scarce	40.00
21	#21 Fine	30.00
22	#22 Revenue cancel, sm. faults, rare	20.00
23	#23 Red carrier cancel, VG	2.50
24	#24 Fine, OG	2.00
25	#25 Faults	2.75
26	#26 Faults	2.50
27	#27 Fine	5.00
28	#28 Faulty, blue cancel	2.00
29	#29 VG, light cancel	4.00
30	#30 Faults	5.00
31	#31 VG app. red grid cancel	2.00
32	#32 Tied to piece, by red NYC "PAID" Fine	7.50
33	#33 1 stamp faulty	2.75
34	#34 VG	2.25
35	#35 VG small app. flaws	2.60
36	#36 VG red grid cancel	20.00
37	#37 VG centering, centerline copy	10.00
38	#38 Fine app. small faults	3.00
39	#39 VG, perf cutting	12.50
40	#40 Defective	3.75
41	#41 Defective	2.50
42	#42 VG, fresh color	10.00
43	#43 VG app. small flaws	1.00
44	#44 fresh color Blue Town	2.50
45	#45 Faults at top	17.50
46	#46 Red Town + Black Grid, Fine	6.00
47	#47 VG, tiny flaws	2.50
48	#48 VG	4.50
49	#49 Defective, regummed	17.50
50	#50 Fine	8.00
51	#51 Fine centered pair, red cancel	15.00
52	#52 Defective, nice app.	2.00
53	#53 Fine	12.50
54	#54 Beautiful bright red flower cancel	15.00
55	#55 VG app. small flaws	2.50
56	#56 Fine app. small flaws	4.50
57	#57 Fine	7.50
58	#58 VG app. small faults	7.50
59	#59 Superb OG	40.00
60	#60 OG small faults	25.00
61	#61 Fine	4.00
62	#62 Bright red "LEAF" cane	7.50
63	#63 VG very scarce	40.00
64	#64 Faulty	6.00
65	#65 VG	12.00
66	#66 Superb OG	60.00
67	#67 Well Centered	10.00
68	#68 VG app. small faults	2.50
69	#69 Small faults VG	2.75
70	#70 VG app. small flaws	3.50
71	#71 VG OG fresh	5.00
72	#72 centered, Blue Cancel	3.00
73	#73 VG tiny flaws	3.00
74	#74 VG	10.00
75	#75 VG Tiny flaws	3.00
76	#76 VG scarce	40.00
77	#77 VG small thin	12.00
78	#78 VG small flaws	3.50
79	#79 VG perf. faults	7.50
80	#80 Fine	13.00
81	#81 VG	10.00
82	#82 VG	10.00
83	#83 VG app. thin specks	25.00
84	#84 VG	4.00
85	#85 VG	5.00
86	#86 VG, well centered	5.00
87	#87 VG scarce	20.00
88	#88 Bright blue "Shield" cancel	10.00
89	#89 VG	8.75
90	#90 VG tiny flaws	2.00
91	#91 VG	2.00
92	#92 VG	5.00
93	#93 Fine	11.00
94	#94 VG fresh	2.00
95	#95 VG	4.00
96	#96 VG	2.50
97	#97 VG app. corner repair	25.00
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U. S. AIRMAILS

Lot #	Description	Retail
291	#400 Fine	4.75
292	#400 VG	12.00
293	#400 VG app. tiny flaw	27.50
294	#401 VG	7.00
295	#402 Fine	5.00
296	#403 Fine	5.00
297	#404 Superb	500.00
298	#405-7 VG-F	3.50
299	#408-13 VG-Superb	3.00
300	#410-13 Pairs VF	2.25
301	#410-13 Line Pairs VF	4.75
302	#415-17 F-VF	4.75
303	#416 Fine	7.00
304	#416 Superb	12.00
305	#424-28 Fine	4.00
306	#424-26 F-VF	4.75
307	#427 Fine	8.50
308	#429-30 Fine	8.50
309	#430 Fine	14.00
310	#431-32 Fine	3.50
311	#431 VG-F	7.75
312	#433-35 Fine	3.50
313	#434 VG-F	3.50
314	#435 VG-F	3.50
315	#435a VG-F	7.50
316	#437 Fine	7.00
317	#438 Just Fine	8.00
318	#439 Fine	12.00
319	#440 Fine	45.00
320	#441-44 F-VF	4.50
321	#447 Fine	8.00
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500	#449 Fine	8.00

SPEC. DELIVERY, PARCEL POST REVENUES, ETC.

Lot #	Description	Retail
400	#CMI tied to small piece of cover by double strike of naval cancel VF	10.00
401	#CE1-2 F-VF	2.50
402	#CE2 VF Centerline Block	1.75
403	#E1 Fine OG	7.00
404	#E2 T Fine app. no gum	4.00
405	#E3 Fine OG	1

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**GREAT BRITAIN
& COLONIALS**

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1	INE	48	78.	80-84	Fine	21
2	ist	Fine				12
3	* 94-107	F-VF				12
4	3 F-VF	cpt.				5
5	6 F-VF	cpt.				5
6	F-VF	cpt.				5
7	F-VF	cpt.				5
8	F-VF	cpt.				5
9	ISLANDS	* 1-19				11
10	LAND	* 86	Fine			61
11	VG-F					10.0
12	A	57	F-VF			12.0
13	per	between	scarce			3.0
14	F	Fine	high	val.		17.50
15	STOPHER	13	Fine	8.00		11.00
16	Bisected	small.				7.00
17	A	14	small	thin		15.00
18	pulled					20.00
19	F-VF	cpt. to 1/2				21.43
20	F-VF	cpt. to 2/3				8.90
21	F-VF	cpt. to 2/6				18.00
22	NEVIS	* 52-61	F-VF	37.00		22.50
23	F	cpt.				4.64
24	k	13	minor	flaws		17.50
25	ne					5.65
26						9.00
27	F	cpt.				12.00
28	F	cpt.				20.75
29	* 2	VG-F				70.0
30						8.50
31	slight	faults				15.00
32	ipped	at top				10.00
33	is					27.50
34	is					12.00
35						3.75
36						50.00
37						10.00
38	52-3	Fine				49.50
39	er	stain				24.50
40	men					7.00
41	cpt.					25.40
42	F-VF					18.11
43	158	F-VF	cpt.	5.60		8.02
44	1-16	Fine				15.75
45						10.00
46						9.00
47	103-1208					11.63
48						105.72
49	to 2/					7.90
50	to 10/					26.40
51						26.70
52						26.00
53						11.60
54	19	Fine				13.00
55	is					12.35
56	IR.					8.50
57						8.11
58						4.91
59	A					6.05
60	ce	16	17.			36.90
61	ce	Perf. 14				5.14
62	A	159-162				12.00
63						13.40
64	all	sides				8.73
65						3.35
66	T	167A				12.30
67						12.00
68	ine					70.00
69	ed					275.00
70						10.50
71						18.00
72						24.50
73	pt.					24.00
74						54.20
75						8.42
76						11.50
77						18.75
78	VF					24.65
79	aw					6.35
80						4.15
81						22.50
82						6.60
83						8.43
84						8.00
85	short					9.38
86						4.50
87						10.20
88						8.50
89						7.00
90						24.35
91						15.00

GENERAL

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GENERAL FOREIGN		Value
ARGENT. ★ 486 corner crease		7.60
7-502 F-VF 3 cpt.		12.00
15-44 F-VF 3 cpt.		12.00
31-2 VF cpt.		1.00
osevelt 8 val.		8.00
IRAN SOMALILAND ★ CI-7		
27 pt. VF cpt.		13.40
Sanabria 26-39 Fine cpt.		12.00
10 F-VF cpt.		15.00
N ★ 87 Fine		18.50
86 Fine anniv.		17.50
13 VF cpt.		16.00
33 Very minor flaws cpt.		3.10
42 F-VF cpt.		3.05
SLAVIA ○ B43-45 Fine cpt.		2.75
A ★ 83-85 F-VF cpt.		3.50
90 low val. thin cpt.		18.50
86 F-VF cpt.		4.50
86 F-VF perf. and imperf.		57.50
ON ★ 114-135 Fine cpt.		8.51
86 F-VF 2 cpt.		7.72
8 F-VF cpt.		1.00
1 F-VF cpt.		3.55
100 F-VF cpt.		4.50
18 F-VF 4 cpt.		12.00
F-VF cpt.		13.15
F 333-337 var. centers		34.00
var. Errors center		285.00
F. U.N. World Conference		36.00
color omitted Sanabria		13.00
85b Blue color omitted		36.00
85b Cmt. omitted		13.00
Error Imperf Blue color		36.00
Sanabria 85b		36.00
50.00 Cent. omitted		1.50
Red omitted		1.75
Emerald omitted		1.75
Center omitted		2.00
4-7P Imperf Proofs in		15.00
groups set cpt.		5.10
F-VF cpt. 1-3 cpt.		6.25
F-VF cpt.		8.00
F-VF cpt.		4.50
42 F-VF cpt.		7.15
F-VF cpt.		2.35
F-VF cpt.		8.25
F-VF cpt.		7.40
F-VF cpt.		5.00
F-VF cpt.		14.00
F-VF cpt.		24.00
F-VF 1.42 face		3.83
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★ 206-12 cpt.		8.50
F-VF cpt.		4.35
F-VF cpt.		1.85
F-VF cpt.		3.50
F-VF cpt.		1.35
F-VF cpt.		8.40
F-VF cpt.		7.85
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F-VF cpt.		76.50
F-VF cpt.		2.55
F-VF cpt.		8.00
F-VF cpt.		3.83
F-VF cpt.		2.00
★ C58-60 cpt.		4.10
133-172 cpt.		4.50
Fine		8.75
Fine		8.95
pe II in block		3.40
Fine		7.20
Thin cpt.		4.78
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Thin cpt.		5.50
Thin cpt.		3.50
F-VF cpt.		8.00
F-VF cpt.		8.30
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F-VF cpt.		5.59
F-VF cpt.		3.38
F-VF cpt.		2.80
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F-VF cpt.		3.18
F-VF cpt.		2.00
F-VF cpt.		4.00
37-136 F-VF cpt.		8.00
F-VF cpt.		2.75
F-VF cpt.		3.85
F-VF cpt.		1.75
F-VF cpt.		10.85
F-VF cpt.		3.94
276-84 F-VF		3.82
46 Fine		4.50
margin		8.60
U.F.U.		85.00
U.F.U.		8.00
U.F.U.		8.33
U.F.U.		1.00
U.F.U.		7.00
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U.F.U.		2.25
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Final Details On Overland Caravan

The Post Office Department, as its part in the Overland Mail caravan leaving Tipton, Mo. September 16, will pick up souvenir mail at each of the 200 stops along the route. All will be carried to San Francisco, Calif. according to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

This caravan is to retrace, as nearly as possible, the original Butterfield Overland Mail route. It is to arrive in San Francisco October 10, as a part of the Overland Mail Centennial commemorative stamp first day ceremonies. The original Butterfield route, speeding mail between the more settled Eastern areas of the country and the Pacific Coast, was a significant development in U. S. postal service a century ago.

Highway Post Office vehicle No. 1, which has been completely overhauled and renovated, is now enroute to St. Louis, Mo. where it will be on display in conjunction with the Mound City Stamp Club exhibition at the Hotel Jefferson, September 13 (9 a. m. to 5 p. m.) and 14 (9 a. m. to noon).

It will then travel to Tipton, Mo. where it will pick up souvenir mail carried from St. Louis by train, just as the original Butterfield Overland Mail did a century ago.

HPO vehicle No. 1, in addition to its pick-ups of souvenir mail dispatched to the 200 post offices, will also accept mail along the route. Since the postal personnel involved can not possibly provide special cancellations for each of the cities, towns and villages en route, all the mail that is deposited in a given day will be canceled at the corral, or overnight stop.

All mail will be accepted only for dispatch from San Francisco on October 10 and will be back-stamped there. There will be no point-to-point cancellations. Collectors desiring souvenir covers carried on HPO vehicle No. 1 on the Overland Mail Caravan, may send stamped addressed envelopes to any of the postmasters at cities along the route with a notation on the outer envelope or wrapping "HPO Overland Mail Caravan".

A complete list of the 200 scheduled stops en route may be secured by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Office of the Special Assistant to the Postmaster General, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C. Some post offices along the route will have special cancellations and several will have cachets.

Corral, or overnight stops, will be: St. Louis, Mo., September 14; Tipton, Mo., September 15; Warsaw, Mo., September 16; Springfield, Mo., September 17; Fayetteville, Ark., September 18; Fort Smith, Ark., September 19; Durant, Okla., September 20; Sherman, Texas, September 21, and Jacksboro, Texas, September 22.

Also: Albany, Texas, September 23; Anson, Texas, September 24; San Angelo, Texas, September 25; McCamey, Texas, September 26; Fort Stockton, Texas, September 27; Carlsbad, N.M., September 28; Dell City, Texas, September 29; El Paso, Texas, September 30; and Lordsburg, N.M., October 1.

Also: Tucson, Ariz., October 2; Casa Grande, Ariz., October 3; Gila Bend, Ariz., October 4; Yuma, Ariz., October 5; Warner's Springs, Calif., October 6; Los Angeles, Calif., October 7; Porterville, Calif., October 8; San Jose, Calif., October 9, and San Francisco, Calif., October 10.

The Post Office Department can not undertake to affix stamps to covers picked up en route, nor can it affix the 4c Overland Mail Centennial commemorative stamps on arrival in San Francisco on October 10.

HPO No. 1 will carry a stock of selected commemoratives and have them available for sale at each overnight corral. It will also have a special exhibit.

New York Area AFDCS Offers Free Newsletter

The New York Area Chapter of the American First Day Cover Society announces the forthcoming publication of the September issue of its "NEWSLETTER". It will contain general stamp news and information with special material of concern to FDC collectors.

Copies are free to New York residents, and 10c to collectors outside that area. Orders for the new issue, and requests for information about the club and its activities, may be sent to Jeffrey Feinman, 354 New York Ave., Brooklyn 13, N. Y.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SPA

N. R. Hoover

The Society of Philatelic Americans was organized as the Southern Philatelic Assn. on February 1, 1894 at Macon, Miss., by a group of boys and young men. J. M. Chappell, Jr. was the chief instigator and the first president.

The striking figures beside Chappell among the first members were Benjamin Russell, later a prominent cotton factor in his day, Alexander City, Ala.; J. H. Conley, Munford, Ala.; and E. W. Heusinger, still living in San Antonio, Texas, and now revered life member No. 8.

The membership got up to 387 within two years. Thereafter the usual chequered career of stamp societies of that day ensued. Bad paying membership got it down to but 62 in 1897. Chappell and Russell's "Dixie Philatelist" was replaced as official organ by the "Lone Star State Philatelist" owned by Roy B. Bradley, in 1896.

Two years later August Dietz (still life member No. 76) with his "Virginia Philatelist" became official organ. The interest in the Association was at a low ebb. Dietz in one issue frankly stated he was trying to keep things going without the advice and active support of any of the officers.

Things drifted this way until January, 1903 when L. T. Brodstone stated in his magazine, the "Philatelic West", that it had been selected as official organ.

W. P. Kelley of Kansas City, Mo., had been secretary under the presidencies of three men, Dubose, Coning and Roemer. In 1904 Kelley was taken sick, subsequently dying, and the Association almost died with him. R. L. Doak of Fresno, Ohio, took the secretaryship in 1908. He could find but 18 members in good standing. Through his efforts he got the list up to 295 by November 1912.

The remarkable renaissance of the SPA dates from September, 1913 when Clifford W. Kissinger was elected president, which brings us to the consideration of a personality unique in stamp circles. "Cliff" Kissinger had been a member in its early days. He joined everything in stamps, was high in the activities of the Philatelic Sons of America, the early American Philatelic Assn., and now the APS.

The membership started climbing: 1913—356; 1914—656; 1915—945; 1916—1492; 1917—1804; 1918—1838. Kissinger changed the name of the organization to its present "Society of Philatelic Americans" at the Niagara Falls convention in 1918, the class aura of the South now completely gone.

World War I played havoc with the membership. Secretary Webb and sales manager Guest went to war. So did many other active figures.

Careless handling of the sales department records by Guest's successor led to a big blow-up at the Atlantic City convention in 1922. A ways and means committee under the chairmanship of Joseph Hoffman, the writer having been its secretary, took over the job of straightening out the mess. It took two years to satisfy all claims.

V. W. Rotnem was named president in 1923 and the group took on a new lease of life, only to have another difficulty develop several years later. This was due to the society's accepting stamps in payment of dues and then not realizing enough from the sale in auctions to cover the dues obligations.

Now 1958 finds those early years with their problems and their difficulties written into history, and in place of that original small sectional group a strong national body with well-earned position, prestige and influence on the philatelic scene. What was developed under the able leadership of the presidents we have had since those troublesome periods is exemplified in today's total membership, as of June 30, of 5389 sincere, capable and enthusiastic stamp collectors.

France-Colonies Group Elects Zweifach Prexy

The France and Colonies Group, whose members are devoted to the philately indicated in the society's name, has elected new officers. Leadership has been placed in the hands of president Ira Zweifach.

Others in the official family are vice president Nathan Hale; treasurer Edmond Queyroy; recording secretary Jan Kindler; corresponding secretary Charles Bretagne, P. O. Box 67, Poughkeepsie, New York.

The club produces the "France and Colonies Philatelist" under capable editorship.

New UN Sets From Nicaragua And Laos

Two rather widely separated nations of the world, Nicaragua and Laos, have selected November 3 as release date of their respective sets of stamps noting the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), according to Thomas Barberito, stamp editor of the New Orleans, La. "Times-Picayune New Orleans States".

The Laos set will note the country's actual activity in the UNESCO effort, while that from Nicaragua will concern "La Casa Central de la UNESCO" (UNESCO headquarters). The latter set will be put on sale simultaneously in Paris, New York, and Managua, Nicaragua.

Further details as to denominations, colors, particulars of designs, and editions have not been released, advised Mr. Barberito.

Delivery Of Auction Held Up By Shop Move

Heinz Hoffman, dealer in stamps and philatelic literature in Detroit, Mich., reports that the problem attending moving, unpacking and sorting thousands of pounds of household and business belongings to his new location has made it impossible to complete sending out all of the lots in his auction of 30 days ago.

Circumstances beyond his control held up completion of the new property until moving day coincided with the sale. He asks the patience of successful bidders, and promises that everything possible is being done to complete the necessary accounting and mailing operations to wind up the auction.

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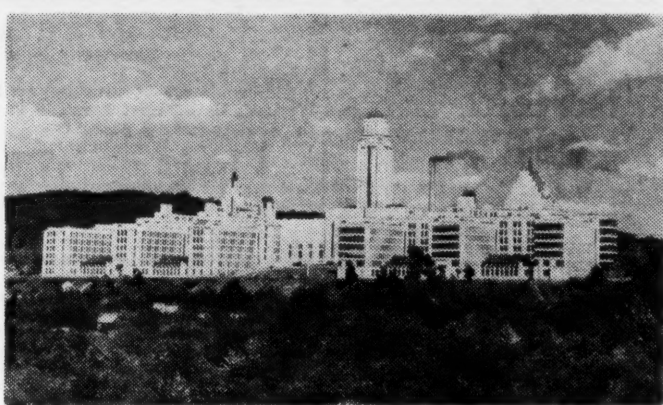
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The Jacques Cartier
Ten Pence of Canada

A. Graham Fairbanks

Apart from the Royal Family, Jacques Cartier was the only person depicted on Canadian postage stamps over a period of 57 years, from 1851 up to the Quebec Tercentenary issue of 1908. That his choice was well deserved, I think all will agree upon reading a brief history of his life and contributions to Canadian history.

Born in 1491 at St. Malo, Brittany, Cartier in time became an explorer and navigator. He set sail April 20, 1534 with two ships and 61 men, to find a northwest passage to the east. He reached Newfoundland on May 10 and passed the straits of Belle Isle. Then having planted a cross at Gaspé, he returned to France due to increasingly stormy weather.

After this reconnaissance voyage, he returned in 1535 with three ships and reached what he named the bay of St. Lawrence, in August. Proceeding up the river, he arrived at the Saguenay in September, then continued to Stadacona (now Quebec) where he left two ships in the St. Charles River.

In the remaining 40-ton vessel the explorers continued up the St. Lawrence and finally reached Hochelaga on October 2. Cartier named the mountain "Mont Royal" and the town below "Ville Marie". He made a third trip to Canada in 1541 and supposedly a fourth one in 1543. His career thereafter was uneventful until his death in 1557 at St. Malo.

Cartier was a heroic character of his age — devout, courageous and patriotic. His return trip hindered by pestilence and treachery of the Indians, yet he still considered these savages as God's children and guided himself accordingly. With this heritage, one can recognize the permanence of French nationality and language as part of this country.

In the Chateau de Ramezay are maps tracing his voyages and a model of his 120-ton ship "La Grande Hermine". In Montreal Chateau murals show Cartier reading St. John's Gospel to the Indians of Hochelaga.

The Church of Notre Dame has stained glass windows also showing the above scene. In the rear of the Lookout, one can see Cartier's coat-of-arms and a picture of his welcome by the chief of Hochelaga.

As to the stamp, in March 1854 the postmaster general recommended the issue of a 10d value, due to lowered postal rates. These called for 10 pence currency (or eight pence Sterling) per 1/2 oz. by British packet to Europe.

The portrait was from an original painting now in the Hotel de Ville, St. Malo, done by Francois Riss in Paris about 1839. A beaver and maple leaves form part of the design, which was engraved by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, & Edson, New York in sheets of 120, 10 rows of 12 stamps.

Die proofs are recorded. They are very rare, but plate proofs appear on bond, India, wove, laid and blue papers; imperf and perf 12, both with and without "SPECIMEN" overprinted, in at least half a dozen colors.

In January 1855 the issue was 100,000 stamps, on thin, oily transparent wove paper. Late in 1857 a final lot of 40,920 was printed on hard, medium to thick opaque wove paper. Both issues are without any imprint.

The thin paper, when dampened for printing, shrank much more than the other varieties so that these copies usually have a "narrow oval" 17mm in width, while the thicker paper copies are noted only with "wide oval" measuring 18mm.

Gibbons lists four shades of blue for this stamp, which could be narrowed down to "light" and "dark". Engraved forgeries exist, on both wove and thick yellowish papers. They are not dangerous and the shade is also too dark—an indigo blue.

Horizontal and vertical guide lines, not to be confused with double frame lines, are often noted and do not warrant any premium. A stitch watermark, however, which occurs in all Canada pence values, has been found by a few lucky collectors. It is vertical in this stamp.

Most interesting, at least to this writer, are the plate varieties, of which Jarrett lists no fewer than 16. Four of them are very major reentries. Boggs quotes the latter at 15 times the value of a normal and some experts deem this figure too high, but it gives some idea of scarcity.

As to cancels, a fair range exists. The most unusual are a black target and a Toronto square grid. The writer possesses a copy with blue and another with red target, which must be rare, but cannot recall a green target being recorded. Four ring numerals are a bit scarcer, Holmes quoting a premium of \$10. Town cancels exist but are quite rare.

Multiple pieces of this stamp are few and although the list is probably incomplete, the following are known:

Pairs — At least a dozen, including three unused and two on cover. Strips of three — one on and two off cover, used.

Strip of five — one horizontal off cover, used.

Block of four — one, thick paper used, off cover; another similar but medium paper was in Lees - Jones collection, now dispersed; a third block may exist.

Several covers are noted to France, having a 10d and a 6d; these of course are very rare. In conclusion, this writer feels that research on the 10d stamp has been largely neglected, other than by a few great students, and more of it would be most rewarding.

Early Deadline For
Boys Brigade Cachets

An early deadline has been set for accepting covers to be serviced with the Boys' Brigade Cachets offered in the August 25 Linn's.

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A Markman Adventure

Col. A. C. Townsend

Elmer Stuart was mad. He was mad clear through. That was a most unusual thing for Elmer, who had come up through the ranks of the Chicago Philatelic Society to fill many important positions, including the presidency, and who was now an honorary life member and one of Chicago's leading dealers.

This showed his popularity, but there was still another thing to his credit. In almost all cases in all clubs when a man gets to be club president that is about the last seen of him. He has attained his ambition and after his term of office is ended he fades away rather quickly. Think it over and I'm sure you will agree with me.

But Elmer was the big exception. He still came regularly to meetings and was prominent in whatever was going on. In almost any special event he would be one of the real workers.

But now Elmer was mad, because he felt humiliated. For the first time in his career as a dealer a stamp had been returned to him as carrying a faked cancellation, and the dickens of it was that it was a fake. He knew that, when he came to study it after getting over the shock of its return, but he had gotten it from a man who had bought it at the sale of the Ed Knapp collection, and that was such an O. K. that it had never occurred to him to question or study it.

Now he wrote a check in repayment, folded his apologetic letter to his old friend and customer, put it and the check in an envelope, stuck on a stamp and hammered it down with his fist to let off a little steam. Next, on went his hat, he put a sign on his office door and made for the exit. Dropping the letter in the chute beside the elevator, he made for the nearby hotel where Markman, noted philatelic detective and old friend, had a little suite of rooms.

He had already phoned Markman he was coming over, so went right up and tapped on his door. Markman called for him to come in and started a cheery greeting, but he stopped as he saw Stuart's face and jumped to his feet. "What's wrong, old man? You haven't been robbed, have you?"

"No," replied Elmer, with a very sour grin. "I've been robbing the other fellow. And he added earnestly, 'I want revenge.'"

"Wait a minute, wait a minute," laughed Markman. "Back up and start over. You can't get any revenge for robbing another man—which of course you didn't do. Have a cold drink and settle down and tell me just what's up."

So Stuart drank and got at ease in a comfortable chair and replied with a smile, "I've been accused of selling a stamp with a fake cancellation." He went on and told the story, and said finally, "What I want you to do is to hunt up the first fellow who put out that fake, and then I'll show him up and make him sorry he ever got me into such a jam."

"I'd like to prosecute him for altering a U. S. security. Could I do that?"

"I'm afraid that would be pretty difficult. The statute says 'altering or defacing,' which would make it pretty hard. But I don't know yet just what this is all about. Suppose you start all over again."

Elmer laughed, a real laugh this time. "I guess I did mix it up badly. Now I'll try to give it to you straight." He gave Markman a slip of paper. A while ago I bought the collection of an old friend and customer (the first man on that list) from his widow. In it there was a nice 10c 1857 with a lovely 'anchor' cancel square on the stamp, and beside it was penciled 'Ed Knapp col.' Knowing Ed and how wise he was on cancellations that was a guarantee to me and I never examined it closely; just put it away among some other special things.

"Then a while later I got the stamp out and sent it to No. 2 on that list, also an old friend-collector, and he bought it and thanked me for it. That was two months ago."

"This morning I had a letter from him in which he said he had sent it to a leading expert, No. 3 on the list, just to let him see such a beauty, and was shocked to have it returned with the statement that the anchor had been added over what little other cancellation there was!"

"Said that then he had gotten to work on it himself and saw that statement was true! So did I this morning, and I'm heartily ashamed of myself for not having spotted it before. Now, what I want you to do is this."

He paused to take a long

breath, then went on. "You go out and see if you can uncover the trail—who first put it on the market—and then give me his name and address and I'll do the rest!"

"Think you can do that?" "This is Tuesday and I have nothing pressing to do. I'll start out tonight. I'll see you within a week, and hope I'll bring home the bacon. Have you told anyone else? Good. Don't. Now let's chat of other things, unless you want to get back to business."

So Markman set out. He had nice interview with Stuart's friend who had sent back the stamp. Then he saw the widow, but she didn't know much about stamps. She did know that her husband and Mr. Stuart were old friends—he and his wife had visited them, in fact—so when she came to sell the collection she naturally turned to Elmer. All the information of possible value she could give was that her husband sometimes put a little note as to where he got some stamp that he prized.

So Markman went to the Park-Bernet Galleries, the firm that made up the auction catalog and sold Ed Knapp's stamps. He told his story, and they were most helpful. From their files they got out a huge folder of everything connected with the sale. Markman struck a gusher!

There were Ed's written notes of things he wanted attention drawn to when the catalog was made up. Beside the "10c 1857" space was a note, "Brought 1924, Sid. Shayman, Chi. \$10." Markman was joyful; at least he had something more of a trail now. He thanked the firm warmly for their help, went out and stowed away a good dinner and took the night train back to Chicago.

He knew Sidney Shayman and knew he was a collector of U. S. cancels. Friday evening he saw Sid, and Saturday morning he walked into Elmer's office as a customer walked out. He had waited outside for that.

Elmer jumped up and shook hands and stared at him, for Markman wore a peculiar expression and Elmer couldn't tell whether he wanted to laugh or look solemn, like a disappointed man. So he took Markman into the back office, seated him and fired point blank, "Any luck?"

Markman replied from behind his handkerchief, "I have the name and address of the Chicago dealer who first put that stamp on the market."

"A Chicago dealer! Who? I'll find some way to prosecute him, no matter what it costs me. Who was it?"

"I'm afraid you can't go after him Elmer. I'm afraid you will have to keep it a deep dark secret. His name is Elmer Stuart, then doing business at 62 W.

Washington St. And Markman doubled up in smothered laughter.

Elmer stared at him bug-eyed. "I don't believe it! I never saw that stamp until I got it from the widow. Don't talk such rot."

"Yes you did, Elmer. You had just started up as a regular with an office and a young man came in with a little collection in a small Globe album that he wanted to sell. You looked it over and bought it for a few dollars, and right after the fellow had left and you were still going over it again the man to whom you sold that stamp came in and..."

"I have absolutely no such recollection. Who was it?"

"Sidney Shayman, a fellow club member," Elmer shook his head vigorously, but Markman went on. "He looked at the book with you, wanted that stamp and paid you two dollars for it. Don't shake your head loose; you sold it to Sid. Let me tell you why I'm so sure and you'll have to admit I'm right. I saw Sidney last night."

"He is a keen fellow with a fine memory. He was rather green when he joined the club in the 1920's, but he got interested in cancels and covers and you and Walter Emerson were educating him a bit on values. He knew that Ed Knapp was bugs on cancels and he got the sudden idea of buying that stamp from you and then selling it to Knapp."

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The first of these federally inscribed adhesives was the orange semipostal 10 mills + 5m. "First Afro-Asian Congress of Ophthalmology" in honor of a subsidiary organization of the pioneer Bandung Conference of Afro-Asian states. It appeared March 1.

In the place of honor at the top of the stamp, reading from right to left, is an Arabic inscription with which we had better become familiar. It is the full official name of the first Arab union of modern times and will probably appear on stamps of an increasing number of Arab states as time goes on.

The title reads: "Al-Jumhuriyat al-Arabiyyat al-Mutahidat". It is followed immediately on the left by the three English letters "U.A.R." Beneath both the Arabic and English country names appears the regional name "Egypt", which, in Arabic, reads "Misr". The year date "1958" also appears bilingually below the national inscriptions.

Superimposed on the Afro-Asian world map is an ancient Egyptian "eye" symbol, as the central design of the stamp. The bilingual commemorative inscription in honor of the Congress is directly below it, with the figures of value tucked in the lower right and left corners respectively.

On March 22, the UAR's own commemorative set, appeared a handsome pair of bicolored, one is for regular postage, the other for airmail. The 10m. regular is green and yellow; the 15m. airmail, brown and blue. Both designs are identical except for an airplane and the Arabic airmail in place of the Arabic "Post" on the script on the higher value in lower value.



Neither "Postage" nor "Airmail" appears anywhere on either stamp in any language other than Arabic, but airmail collectors can be guided by the airplane in flight between the two sections of the Republic in selecting the 15m. value for their collections.

The central design is the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea, with the sun of a new day of Arab unity rising on the horizon. Two sections of the map, representing the Egyptian and Syrian regions of the new country, have been graphically raised from the rest of the map and joined with an arch on which is inscribed in Arabic the name of the new Republic.

Each region is labeled with its own regional name in Arabic—"Misr" and "Suriya", respectively. The postal or airmail Arabic script, in quite small type, reads downward to the right of the map of Egypt, directly above the figures value in western numbers.

The Arabic values are to the left of the arch. "M" and the equivalent Arabic letter "mim" are now the standardized Egyptian designations for the old "mills" currency. This, being based on the foreign word "milliemes" ("thousandths"), may eventually be discarded in favor of an Arabic word like "fils".

The words "United Arab Republic" in large block letters, with a tiny regional inscription "Egypt" and the western figures of the date of the union (1-2-1958) of last February 1 fill out the bottom of the stamp. The Arabic date figures (right to left) appear in the upper left corner.

In reading Arabic date figures the order of the figures is always right to left, starting with the day, then the month, then the year. But the actual year dates, and all multiples above 9, are themselves written left to right

ed by heraldic devices on the shields of the Christian knights and began to adopt them. Even fleurs-de-lys have appeared on the arms of Mamluk sultans of Egypt.

Saladin chose an eagle or hawk design, in yellow, as on the FDC cachet, for his arms. This is still retained by his direct lineal descendants, the Ayyubid princes of Lebanon, today. Modern Egypt, on discarding the crown of the discredited Faroukian monarchy, selected Saladin's arms for the national symbol for reasons of Arab Unity.

Saladin had united Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and most other important Arab Middle East lands under the Ayyubid dynasty's crown and then began the century-long task of expelling the Crusaders from Arab Palestine. Since modern Arab Nationalism is moving in the same direction, the modern Egyptians are inspired by this symbol, and it, too, has appeared on Egyptian stamps.

The old state flags of Egypt and Syria flank the heraldic device, and the colors of the revolution (red, white and black) appear as colored discs below the arms. The UAR now has its own flag, of course, based on the design of the old Syrian state flag (three horizontal stripes of black, white and red, with two green stars on the white stripe, thus making up both the colors of the Revolution and the Arab National colors). We may expect to see this flag, in natural colors, on Syrian and Egyptian UAR commemorative stamp, too, in the very near future.

The country name, in red Kufic Arabic and in green English wording appears at the top of the FDC together with the day of issue dates, and "First Day of Issue" in small Arabic and English type appears at the bottom. Altogether it is one of the most colorful and symbolic FDC's issued thus far by any Arab philatelic organization.

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M. S. Brainard

Like I wrote some little time ago, try advertising for stamps in the boondock weeklies. You may draw a blank, may make quite a few non-productive contacts—and you may, like me, turn up a sleeper, almost next door. Here's a sleeper I turned over and what I did to awaken it.

Comes a youngster, around 35-40, pole-stepper by trade. I'd known him, his wife, his kids, gramp and granmom ten-fifteen years. Anyway, he ambles up to me in a crossroads sloppery, one suds generating afternoon. Allows as how he had a mess of stamps, and all that. Told him to bring 'em to my wickiup, sometime.

One not pole-stepping-weather day, here he comes, bangs on my portal and asks if I'm at liberty; if so, he'd bring in his chattels. I was, so he goes out to his car, returns with his arms full—FULL! Three old, newsprint toy albums and about 'steen cigar boxes, and plumped 'em all down on my oilcloth covered refectory.

Before my dilated pupils he told me that plunder began in Germany where grandsire started a boy's collection which he brought to the States in the '90's. The old boy eventually became the only postmaster in about a billion square miles of eastern Oregon sagebrush—and saved, Saved, SAVED!

BIG and little GOSHES and cosmic WHAMS! (Mind your cardinals and ulcers now; possibly gulp some tranquilizers.)

Justly, and naturally let's glance at the German boy's album; stuckdown, of course, BUT—Don't laugh, folks, or get greedy, but just about everything was there in pre-confederation stuff, plus some authentic Heligoland, Sachsen No. 1, pretty dark, was only a little narrow on one side.

Both Schleswig-Holstein 1850's were there, complete with glowing silk trimmings; Preussen, ditto. In fact, there was good representation all the way from Baden to Wurttemberg, with a scattering from contiguous areas—skilling-bancos and first Swiss Federations.

Sidestepping an impending coronary and wishing a chance to get my eyes back into dependable focus, I told the guy he quite probably had something, that time only would tell when I'd gone through it. At the same time I warned him of my being afflicted with philatelic stickyfingerness, a trait he must cautiously cultivate. Advised right off, his keeping Grandpa's 'il ole German album intact. More about that, later.

Having reached the phase of restricted physical activity, the prospect of extended sedentary occupation was really delightful. Seemed like he'd never quit his babbling, get t'ell out of my wigwam and leave goodwife (also an addict and handicapped, too) to wallow in the apparent bonanza, nipping succulent tidbits as we meandered. On the side, some of those cigar boxes were, in themselves, ancient, collector's items.

Well, betimes, the owner would drop in. Our advice was his starting a collection of U.S.; that a very good representative lot was there and, if he chose, he might convert his duplicate items into those he lacked. This sounded reasonable to him and he shot the necessary ducats for a recommended album because the investment really appeared warranted and he was keen. His "bis-cuit-burner" was also simmering, stampwise.

One "child's" album was scanned and classified for the kids. The cigar boxes yielded a hodge-podge, first divided into three categories: U.S., foreign and uncollectable. Next followed further screening of the two former groups, dividing the common from the more desirable and, seminally, bathing the lot. This incidentally, took two days.

Then followed watermarking and gauging the U.S., as indicated, and may all the plagues that afflicted the chosen children plus a few more we can think up, in concert, await on St. Michael's rolls to confront the perpetrators of this perennial torment they dumped upon us U.S. collectors the first and second decades of this century!

The job is definitely not for the novice. This chore, alone, took both of us a full day's time so, what with cleaning, classifying, and burning the doubtfuls, don't YOU grouse over the premium you have to pay for these stamps.

When he put them into his album, our pole-stepping friend had to use several binder spacing strips. In all categories, postal, revenue, departmental, and the rest, he has a very good start of

mostly selected copies. His surplus of U.S. he proposes to circulate in a dependable exchange for items he lacks.

The foreign material was similarly processed excepting, of course, his grandfather's boyhood collection. Grab-bag material will be parcelled out to the kids by mother, on rainy days. Collectable foreign items, of which the accumulation was really scarce, will be held.

Now, in the lot were some really outstanding postal items: very early Central Europe postal stationery and covers; early Egyptian and Sudan registered covers to Germany; first flight Zeppelins of the early '20's; Franco-German War, and Boer War and World War I—perhaps fifty items in all—SELECT material. This, together with the ancestral lot, is neatly packaged, to be tucked away for another generation or two, with a note enclosed as to its potential value.

Of course, this experience may be unique—yet how will YOU know unless you chance that ad, scanned by probable owners of philatelic material away out in what the uninitiate call the "boondocks."

Charity Overprint On Haiti "Brussels"

August 30 was the day of issue for a set of three overprinted charity stamps from Haiti, with the surtax devolving to the Haitian Red Cross organization. Three of the Brussels Fair set were the basic adhesives employed.

A simple overprint of a heavy cross and "+50/centimes" was applied in red to the 1 Gourde violet, the 1.50G. orange and the 2.50G. red airmail. The total face value thereby became 6.50G., of which 1.50G. was for the Red Cross.

The editions are not announced, but the Haitian Philatelic Agency states that the trio will remain on sale until September 30 unless sold out sooner, and that validity is unlimited.

Last Day Set For Western Samoa Stamp

The New Zealand Post and Telegraph Department advises that the commemorative stamp issue, which was placed on sale last March 21, to mark the opening of the new Parliament in Western Samoa, will be withdrawn from sale on September 30.

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"Bond Flag City" Cancel At Canton, Ill.

Canton, Ill. is using a slogan cancel reading "U. S. TREASURY DEFENSE BOND FLAG CITY", according to Fred Weber, Belleville, Ill. stamp enthusiast.

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ATA Checklist For 1957 Topical Stamps

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To mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first secondary school in the land, Finland will issue a 30 markka single October 1.



The design will depict the seal of the Jyväskylä Lyceum, the founding of which of a century ago marked an important step forward in education in the tiny European country.

The newcomer was designed by Olavi Vepsäläinen, after a sketch by Prof. Aulis Blomstedt. B. Ekholm was the engraver. The color and printing method are not announced, but the edition will be 2 million.

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Doubly interesting beyond the fact that it is representative of the Franco-Prussian War's balloon post out of Paris is the above flown item. It is a copy of the "Gazette des Absents" issue No. 9 of November 19, 1870 which was carried on the November 24-25 Paris to Norway flight of the "Ville d'Orleans" mentioned by the author. It is folded to less than half its size to show parts of pages 1 and 4. Pages 2 and 3 carried more printed news and the written letter, respectively. (Bob Jones collection).

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rate of 20 centimes for France and Algeria and a postcard at the rate of 10c; letters for foreign countries were to be franked at the usual rate.

The different forms of letters manufactured by private industry were soon to meet the competition of the "lettres-journaux" (journal letters). That was the name given to printed newsletter sheets weighing the required 4 grams. The first two pages gave a resume of the daily events of the siege (of Paris), the third page was for private correspondence and the fourth was kept free for the address and the postage stamp.

A total of 66 piloted balloons left Paris during the siege. Of that number two were lost at sea and a few were captured. The distance record is claimed by the balloon "La Ville d'Orleans" which landed in Norway after traveling 3132 kilometers (about 2,000 miles) in 14 hours 45 minutes.

The stamps issued for the empire were quickly used up and were replaced on October 11 by a special "Siege of Paris" issue. Three values, 10, 20 and 40c, were printed from the original plates which had been used in 1849-1850.

During the siege it was impossible to supply the post offices in the departments outside Paris with stamps, so it was decided to print new supplies in Bordeaux. Very good copies were made of the different stamps which were current at that time. The portrait of the emperor was replaced by that of the allegory of "Liberte" (Liberty). These adhesives were not perforated due to the lack of perforating machines.

These varieties were first produced November 6, 1870 and their manufacture continued up to March 17, 1871. The plates from which they were printed were destroyed August 12, 1871. After the armistice of January 28, 1871 these stamps also became current in Paris.

Types and varieties of them are very numerous. Since the copies of a "bloc-report" were made by hand, it is easy to imagine the very great variety of the stamps. The shades of color of these emissions were also very many in number and they differed greatly from those of the empire stamps.

Thus is reviewed as briefly as possible the strange situation of the postal service in France during that "annee terrible" (dreadful year). There certainly are not many periods of time as interesting for study by a collector as these three issues which are so very different from each other, and so rich in varieties, postmarks, and cancellations. Also, one must consider them in the light of the communications media between the three truly different zones.

This vast field of research is with-

in the reach of all. Certainly difficulties will be encountered in making a thorough study—but isn't overcoming them the object of philately?

The "ballons monte" operations of the French postal system during those rugged days 88 years ago gave the world its first successful airmail service, combining balloons for outgoing mail with pigeons for incoming messages. The airmail postcard, the air-letter sheet, the V-mail of the late world war were all born then and there.

Students of both airmail and photography are amazed when they learn that the "up-to-the-minute" V-mail was modern only in the method of reproducing the message films upon arrival at their destinations. In "the old days" they were projected on a screen and transcribed by clerks, whereas in the recent circumstance they were automatically enlarged on photographic paper.

Mais oui, studying the airmail of the Franco-Prussian war is rewarding, as visitors will note when they examine the displays at the September 18-21 "EXUP VIII" exhibition in the Hotel Windsor, Montreal, Canada, where the Union Philatelique de Montreal will play host to the annual convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans.

All collectors, everywhere, regardless of whether they are members of either the UPM or SPA, are invited to visit the elaborate exhibition of all fields of philately. And any visiting Americans who are not of the philatelic sort will be even more welcome to drop in and get acquainted with the finest hobby, and the finest hobbyists, in the world.

(Editor's note: The writer, Mr. Hamard, is an active member of the Union Philatelique de Montreal and an enthusiastic collector in the field he discusses. His original script, in French, was translated by Agnes Burlingame of the SPA translation service).

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first day covers bearing the new stamp, specially canceled on the day of issue, are required to forward addressed envelopes to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ont., Canada, not to the Philatelic Section, to arrive not later than September 30.

All must contain "fillers" and must be sealed or have the flaps turned in. To avoid errors the patron should mark on the cover, upper right hand corner, the quantity of stamps to be affixed to each.

The necessary space should be allowed if blocks are ordered.

Applicants must not fold envelopes when forwarding them for servicing. Instead, such sendings

should be enclosed in an outside wrapper marked "First Day of Issue". Return will be by ordinary mail unless it is specifically requested that they be returned by registered mail.

Orders to be returned by registered mail must include an additional 20c registration prepayment fee.

Orders for first day cover service must not include orders for mint or unused stamps. Remarks or inquiries not related directly to the order for first day covers should be written on a separate piece of paper.

In addition to the cost of postage required to be affixed at ordinary, airmail or registered mail rates, collectors must include in their remittances sufficient money to pay the Department's cover service fee amounting to 5c for each forwarded for service.

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The postage rate on first-class mail for delivery in North and South America, the British Commonwealth, France and Spain, is 5c. The first-class mail rate for Ottawa local delivery is 4c and for countries not mentioned above is 6c. The fee required for registration is 20c additional. Avoid covers being spoiled by postage due markings by prepaying sufficient postage.

Remittances for first day covers are to be made payable to the "Receiver General of Canada" and sent to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ont., Canada.

Remittances for mint stamps are to be made payable to the "Receiver General of Canada" and sent directly to the Post Office, Financial Branch, Ottawa 4, Ont., Canada.

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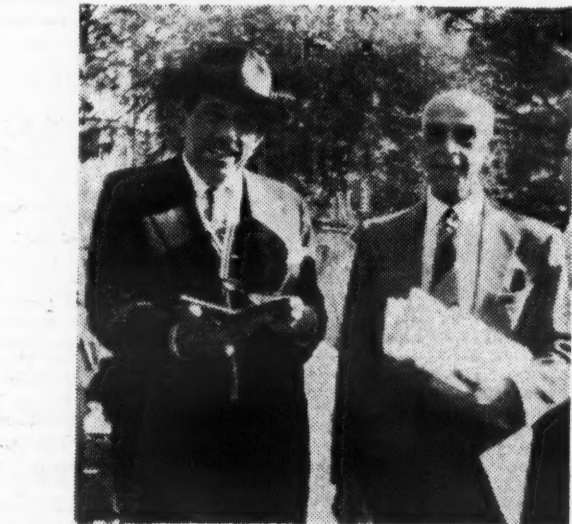
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STEPHEN G. RICH PASSES ON

"Steve" Rich as he was known in the precancel world passed away August 10 after a short illness, as has already been reported in Linn's. His activities in the precancel area made him known even more extensively than he was in the general stamp field.

He was connected with the "PRECANCEL BEE", an old-time precancel publication and was publisher for about 20 years of the Mitchell-Hoover Bureau catalog. He held various offices in the Precancel Stamp Society and seldom missed a convention.

Besides writing many articles of note for the general stamp field he wrote frequently for the precancel group as well.

One of his collections which not too many knew about was off-centered Bureau Prints. Each stamp had to show color on the perfs of two adjacent sides to be eligible for this collection.

Believe me, finding them was not as easy as one might think. A lot of stamps are off-center, but to get them that much is something else again. I found only about a half dozen that he accepted for that collection in ten or twelve years. "Steve" will be missed by his many friends I am sure.

MICHIGAN MASTER WANT LIST

Compiled by J. W. DeLisle and published by Richard J. Coda, Sr., the new list is based on a total of 597 Michigan towns. The new towns of Allen Park, Portage and Tekonsha are not listed because they are of recent authorization and should find their levels after time for circulation of their emissions. The towns of Baraga and Nahma are not listed because, although authorized, they have never been reported.

As mentioned before these lists are of much interest to the collector after he has passed the beginner stage. However, Mr. Coda will send copies to anyone in return for a stamped addressed envelope sent to his address, 94-96 Branford Pl., Newark 2, N.J.

BULLETIN BOARD

The "Southern California Bulletin" mailed with a 2c Liberty from Associated, Calif. That's a name for you—sure could work it into a topical collection! The Southern California group distributed their 1958 roster with this issue. The Nebraska Precancel Club made a special mailing of their annual roster from Anselmo, Nebr. with a 2c Liberty.

Suburban Collectors Show November 29-30

The Suburban Collectors Club of Chicago will hold its annual exhibition "SUPEX 1958" on November 29—30 in the Hinsdale Community House, Hinsdale, Ill. 200-plus frames are expected this year. Selected pages from the "Universal Postal Union" collection of Francis Cardinal Spellman will be shown in the Court of Honor.

Further information and the prospectus may be had from Mason Curran, 911 Cambridge Ave., Elmhurst, Ill. Bourne tables are available from Kenneth Knappen, 7243 Williams Drive, Clarendon Hills, Ill. Details on the cachet cover, offered annually, will be released as soon as final arrangements have been made.

All collectors in the west suburban area of Chicago are invited to visit the club on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Hinsdale Community House.

Kent Society, Grand Rapids, Reports Election

The Kent Philatelic Society, Grand Rapids, Mich. recently elected officers for 1958 as follows: Carl Nink, president; Mrs. Ray Woods, vice president; Joseph M. Ladden, treasurer; and Arlene Crosby, 1348 Union NE, Grand Rapids, Mich., secretary.

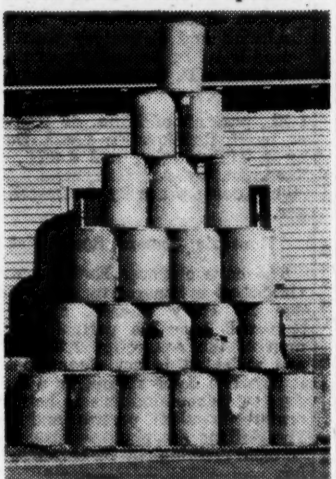
Scheduled meetings are held on second and fourth Wednesdays at 126 Sheldon Ave., Grand Rapids; visitors always welcome.

The club also reports the recent death of charter member and veteran collector Alex C. Sloge. He had been active not only in the local organization but also in the APS, SPA and ATA groups.

Mission Mixture A Ton At A Time

Ernest A. Kehr

Many wholesalers are delighted when they can fill an order for a few thousand stamps, sets or packets. Brother Damian, however, of Saint Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Mass., is used to selling postal paper in thousand-pound lots. Indeed, only recently he shipped one order weighing a ton and a half! And figuring that there are about 2,000 stamps in each pound, that means the 21 barrels in which they were shipped to a regular customer contained some 6 million specimens!



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The Cistercian (Trappist) Monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey who supplied this material established their stamp business in 1953, in an endeavor to raise funds for the erection of new monastic buildings in the rolling hills of Spencer, Mass. to replace the fifty-year-old abbey that was destroyed by fire three years before.

Saint Joseph's got the idea of turning stamps into cash in Europe. For a number of years, Belgium issued semipostals, the surtax from the sale of which was given to their brethren for the reconstruction of the Orval and Achel Abbeys. The monks admit that it would have been nice if the United States could have been prevailed upon to follow Belgium's generous gesture, but since the Post Office Department traditionally refuses to issue and sell semipostals, they had to find another method to get financial support from the philatelic field.

Like many other religious communities, Saint Joseph's decided to become "mission mixture" suppliers. Using their facilities to solicit postage stamps, they set up a modest bureau at Spencer and began finding dealers who would purchase these donated stamps by the pound.

In the four years that it has been in operation, Saint Joseph's Abbey has collected and disposed of some seven tons of domestic and foreign postage stamps. Customers include a number of individual collectors, but most shipments go to dealers throughout the United States and such foreign lands as Canada, Mexico, Panama, Dutch Antilles, British Guiana, Japan, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, Netherlands, and the British Isles.

Brother Damian is proud of the fact that much of the bureau's income is derived from repeat orders. In fact, after customers examine sample orders, they invariably place much larger ones again and again. Brother attributes the success of his project to the fact that the mixtures supplied by Saint Joseph's Abbey are absolutely unpicked.

SPA Awards Branch Publications Honors

The judges in the 1958 Society of Philatelic Americans contest for the best publication among its branch clubs report a difficult problem in determining the winners. Only ten points, in fact, separated the first and third positions.

First prize, a gold medal, was taken by "The Straight Edge", official publication of the Roosevelt Philatelic Society, Chicago, Ill. A mere one point behind was "Philat-elette", the club news medium of the Women's Philatelic Society, New York City.

In third spot, gaining a bronze medal, was the "Bulletin" of the Peoria, Ill. Philatelic Society. Honorable mention went to "The American Revenuer" (American Revenue Assn.), "The KPS Philatelist" (Kent Philatelic Society,



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Grand Rapids, Mich.), and "Stampazine" (Northern Indiana Philatelic Society, Mishawaka, Ind.)

Judges were Brook Haines, Fred Epps and Robert Harmon. All are active in philatelic endeavors in the Topeka, Kans. area. After announcing their 1958 decisions, they added that the 1959 contest will start January 1, and that all SPA branch clubs publishing bulletins may enter it.

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C1-4	First Airm.	1.09	10.45	2.75		
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Nigeria Date

The 1d and 3d Nigeria stamps printed by rotary recess will be placed on sale November 1, in sheets of 60.

Ghana Figures

Numbers issued of the Ghana "1st anniversary of Independence" set have been announced as:-

	Printed	Sold
½d	830,010	740,575
2½	1,200,000	1,002,235
1/3	253,020	250,207
2/-	218,010	217,759

The set was withdrawn on April 9.

Dutch Number Dues Withdrawn

The following denominations in the Netherlands postage due set will not be reprinted: 4c (out of print), 5, 6, 8, 12, 14, 20, 35, 85, 90. They will remain available as long as present stocks last.

Rumania Brussels Overprints

A hasty overprint, in red, has been applied to the Sputnik triptych recently produced by Rumania. The set has not been announced by CARTIMEX, the State Trading Organization, and appears to have been produced exclusively for retail in the USA, principally through one single New York wholesaler.

The overprint is applied by letterpress, and prices appear to approximate double the nominal value of the basic stamps computed at the official exchange rate.

The overprint consists of a plain outline "Brussels Star" on the left-hand field of the triptych; of the star surrounded by the inscription "EXPOSITA UNIVERSAL BRUXELLES 1958" on the center stamp, and another plain outline star on the right stamp. As a proportion of the stamps were printed tete-beche, the overprint exists inverted. The combinations are offered (from the U.S.A.) mint and cancelled to order, the latter being half-priced.

Greenland Anniversary

The 200th anniversary of the death of Hans Egede, a Norwegian missionary who brought Christianity to Greenland, is marked by a Greenland 30 ore red stamp, showing his portrait from a painting by Johan Horner, designed and engraved by Viggo Bang. It will be released on November 5, in the usual Danish commemorative format.

New Somalia 3 Somal

"II Collezionista" forecasts that a new 3S. value will be added to the Gazelles set for Somalia following the exhaustion of the 1950 edition of that value (printing of 95,517 copies).

Austria Continues The Buildings Set

The next Austrian definitive in the new Buildings set is a cerise 1.50 Schilling inland letter rate stamp, showing the Rabenhof (Ravenscourt) flats in Vienna's Erdberg district. A 1924 project, it illustrates advanced town planning principles.

Future denominations planned in this set are 1.45 Sch. Forchtenstein Castle (Burgenland) and 2.40 Sch. Christkindl Church. Exact issue dates are not yet known.

Polish Paintings Set

Swelling the number of Polish stamps announced but not yet released is another set, this time honoring Polish painters and their works. They will be photogravure printed. The 40 groszy will depict Storks, by Chelmonsky; 60 gr. Motherhood, by St. Wyspiansky;



Mr. Carl P. Routh
Editor, Linn's Weekly Stamp
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PANAMA RELEASES SET OF EIGHT. On August 12 Panama issued a set of eight commems to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Organization of American States. All have the same design, in several colors, of the emblem of the group which pictures flags of member nations, and dedicatory wording. Denominations of the four regulars is 1c, 2c, 3c and 7c; of the airmails 5c, 10c, 50c and 1B. Elmer S. Smith, P. O. Box 4782, Panama, R. de P. sent the covers.

1 Zl., portrait of Mme. de Romanet, by H. Rodakowski; 1.50Zl. Death by J. Malczewsky; and 6.40Zl., the Sandman, by A. Gierymski. The stamp designs are by J. Desselberger.

Rumania Honors Spelologist

The cave explorer Emil Racovita (1856-1947) is honored by two stamps due for early release. 55b. light blue will bear his portrait and a map of the Antarctic; 1.20L. olive and violet (it is not clear whether it is a two color stamp, or whether duplicate denominations in both colors are intended), portrait and cave. The designs are photogravure printed from drawings by H. Meschendorfer.

Czech Brno Commems

On September 9 the Czech PO will issue its Brno Exhibition set, showing: 30h. blue, Children's Hospital, Brno; 60h. red, New Town Hall; 1Kcs. brown, St. Thomas Church; 1.60Kcs. dark green, view of Brno. All are designed by E. Milen and engraved by J. Schmidt.

The three low values are rotary recess printed and are on free sale. The 1.60Kcs. is printed in blocks of 4 and is sold only against production of the entrance ticket.

Algeria To Complete Program

It appears that the Algerian Post Office is issuing stamps in preparation for future events, or clearing out stocks, as August 30 was named as the release date for three "Army Social Works" values: 15 francs+5fr., 20fr.+5fr., and 35fr.+5fr. Included also were the Stamp Day 1958 15fr.+5fr., and Children's Aid Fund 20fr.+5fr.

The French Stamp Day issue had appeared in the spring as usual, but was not overprinted for use in Algeria.

Ecuador Issue Rush

Several new issues have been released by Ecuador: July 20 - 100th birthday of Dr. Rafael Maria Ariaga, 1S., multicolored, showing a portrait of the speaker and poet offset printed by the Portuguese State Mint.

July 25 - Inauguration of the suspension bridge between Guayaquil and Quito; view of the Gonzalo Icaza Cornejo bridge. Value is 1.30S. green, airmail.

August 7 - 50th anniversary of the Guayaquil-Quito railway: 30c light brown, first locomotive; 50c brown, Diesel locomotive; edition of 500,000 sets. Also 5S. brown, portrait of G. G. Moreno, J.M.C. Casmano, E. Alfaro, and L. P. Gutierrez, who negotiated the construction of the railway (200,000 sets). The stamps were printed by photogravure at the Vienna State Printing Office.

In preparation are a 2S. and 1.20S. pair for the 400th death anniversary of the emperor Charles V; 1.80S. for International Geophysical Year (showing a globe with the tracks of the Sputniks and Vanguard); 1.60S. for the inauguration of the UNESCO Building, Paris; and a stamp for the Basketball championships.

Korea's Anniversary

For the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of (South) Korea, the Seoul authorities released two stamps August 15. A dark gray 20h. shows 10-year old children looking at symbols of industrial and urban development; a magenta 40h. shows the figure "10"



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Iceland Extends Tribute To Horse

It is not the horse for which a king offered his kingdom, nor is it a pedigreed hayburner of parimutual renown—it is just the common, barnyard "dobbie" variety of equine to which Iceland acknowledges its gratitude for centuries of transportation services. In public tribute to this noble steed, the country will issue a pair of commemoratives September 27, according to the Iceland Postal Administration and Jonas Hallgrímsson, Box 1116, Reykjavik, Iceland.



Of common design, one will be a 10 aur gray and the other a 2.25 Krona brown, after a design by Haldor Petursson of Reykjavik. Printing is being done by De La Rue & Co., London, in sheets of 50. The editions are not announced.

While not in honor of the occasion, the new set will be issued on the opening day of the nation's first philatelic exhibition, "FRIMEX 1958". The honored subject, as stated, is the Icelandic horse which was the sole transportation medium in the country for hundreds of years until the advent of the railroad, automobile and airplane.

A special exhibition cancellation will be in service, and the philatelic society will prepare a limited number of cacheted first day covers.

The Iceland POD offers FDC's at 1Kr. above face value of the stamps affixed, with a deadline for receipt of orders of September 20. Remittances for mint stamps or FDC's must include return postage at 2Kr. per ounce, plus registration if desired.

Orders should be sent to Frimerkjasalan, Direction General des Postes et des Telegraphes, Reykjavik, Iceland. Bank drafts, certified checks or international postal money orders, and airmail service, should be used in ordering.

Butterfield Mail Cachet At Carlsbad

Possibly the most fully covered event—from the philatelic point of view—in U. S. history will be the circumstances leading up to the October 10 release of the Butterfield Overland Mail Centenary stamp. Many of the 200 stops along the rerun caravan's route, and the 26 overnight corrals (stops) will have special cancellations or cachets, and many stamp groups will note the event with their own offerings.

The Carlsbad, N. M. Stamp Club where the September 28 overnight stop will be made, has issued a pictorial cachet in sepia depicting the horses and coach shown on the stamp, set off against a background of El Capitan Mountain at Guadalupe Pass. This was a famous landmark on the original trail. A concise caption completes the cachet.

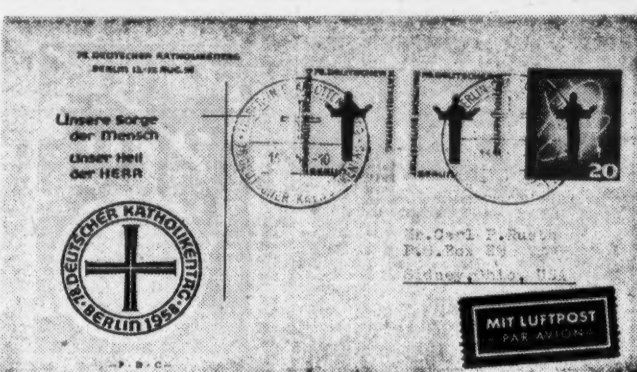
Priced at 10c each, they may be ordered from Virginia Legge, P. O. Box 964, Carlsbad, N. M. The deadline for receiving orders is September 25.

Booklet Clarifies Bureau Precancels

Probably every stamp collector, at one time or another, has wanted to extend his collecting activities to include certain other kinds of stamps that appeal to him. However, he often finds it difficult to obtain a really good "guide" in his chosen new field.

Such a situation seemingly has existed in the field of United States Bureau Precancels until just recently. Now there is available a 32-page, neatly printed and profusely illustrated booklet dealing with this one group of stamps. Called "The Lure and Lore of United States Bureau Precancels", it is published by George Klein of Vincennes, Ind.

In 12 chapters it explains what Bureau Precancels are and in what ways they differ from local precancels. It is an excellent introduction to the Bureau Precancel field. The price is 25c, from the author-publisher, George Klein, P. O. Box 461, Vincennes, Ind.



SET HAS RELIGIOUS THEME. On August 13 West Germany's Berlin Postal Administration released a set of two commemoratives to note the 78th "German Catholic Day". This celebration was held in Berlin from August 13 to 17. Both stamps have the same design, a statue of Christ surrounded by an atomic pattern. Denominations and colors are 10pf. emerald and 20pf. magenta. The cover was sent by Joachim Dill, Martin Luther Str. 28, (13a) Bad Neustadt a.d. fraenk. Saale, Germany.

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